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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL,.....5,000,000 Dollars.
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HONGKONG.

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For Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.
" 6 , 4 per cent. " "
" 12 , 5 per cent. " "

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Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East,
Hongkong, February 27, 1878.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL,.....\$200,000.
RESERVE FUND,.....\$150,000.

Bankers.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE CITY BANK.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in Hongkong grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange; and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

Local Bills discounted, and Interest allowed on Current Accounts and on Deposits for fixed periods on terms which may be ascertained on application.

AUCTIONS.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on TUESDAY,

the 25th June, 1878, at 11 o'clock a.m. precisely, at the Godowns of Messrs. NORTON & CO., Duddell Street.

An Invoice of Assorted PRINTING TYPES, BORDERS, LEADS, &c. also a Lot of PRINTING, CARTRIDGE, LETTER, FOOLSCAP, and NOTE PAPER, and ENVELOPES.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

HUGHES & LEGGE,
Auctioneers,
Hongkong, June 6, 1878.

For Sale.

LAMBERT, ATKINSON & CO.

HAVE FOR SALE.

VEYRON'S FRENCH COFFEE MACHINES, Assorted Sizes, New System, with Automatic Lamp.

COFFEE ROASTERS, and COFFEE MILLS.

SETS OF GARDENING UTENSILS.

GENTS' TOOL CHESTS.

MASSEY'S PATENT LOGS.

METALLIC MEASURING TAPES, in strong Leather Cases.

SPIRIT LEVELS, HAMMERS, DOG COLLARS and CHAINS.

SAILORS' SEWING and ROPING PALMS.

COPPER SIGNAL LAMPS, & MAST-HEAD LAMPS, fitted with Dioptric Lenses according to the latest Admiralty regulations.

DIOPTRIC LENSES for Signal Lamps.

PORTHOLE GLASSES, assorted sizes.

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TRAVELLER'S GUIDE BOOKS.

LETT'S DIARIES, for 1878.

NOVELS, SCHOOL BOOKS.

WORKS OF REFERENCE and GIFT BOOKS.

SHEET MUSIC and SONGS.

IMPERIAL TRACING PAPER.

RODGER'S CELEBRATED CUTLERY.

MAPPIN Bro's SCISSORS.

MANIFOLD WRITERS.

LETTER SCALES.

STATIONERY of ALL KINDS.

BROWN WRAPPING PAPER.

CARD BOARD, Assorted Colours.

DATE RACKS, INVOICE FILES.

QUILL PEN-MAKING MACHINES.

UNDERWOOD'S BLACK WRITING INK.

MAUVE INK.

MAYARD & NOYES' WRITING and COPYING INK.

MUCILAGE, &c., &c., &c.

KELLY & WALSH'S CELEBRATED SMOKING MIXTURE, and

HAPPY THOUGHT TOBACCO.

Very Fine MANILA CIGARS, CIGARETTES, &c., &c.

BARCLAY & PERKINS' PORTER, in Hhds. and Kilderkins.

FINEst CHERBOURG BUTTER, in Bottles.

Hongkong, May 6, 1878.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

THIS REFINERY MANUFACTURES

LOAF SUGAR, (in 5, 10, and 15 lbs Loaves.)

CUT and Powdered LOAF SUGAR.

CUBE SUGAR (Lyde's Patent), shortly CRYSTALLIZED SUGAR, mark C. S. R. (in diamond) 4 III*.

FINE WHITE SUGAR, mark C. S. R. (in diamond) 4 III*.

MEDIUM WHITE SUGAR, mark C. S. R. (in diamond) 4 II*.

FINE YELLOW SUGAR, mark C. S. R. (in diamond) 4 II.

COFFEE SUGAR, mark C. S. R. (in diamond) B.I.

GOLDEN SYRUP, SYRUP, and MOLASSES.

SPRITS of WINE and LAMP SPIRIT.

RUM, 45°, 30°, O.P., and Naval.

ANIMAL CHARCOAL and DUST.

AMMONIACAL LIQUOR, from Bones.

BONE TAR (a preventive of white ants).

ROUGH BONE TALLOW.

Packed in Quantities and Packages to suit Customers.

THE Interest and Responsibility of the Particulars and Prices on application to THE MANAGER,

CHINA SUGAR REFINING CO., LIMITED,

East Point, Hongkong.

March 5, 1878.

FOR SALE.

A JAPAN PONY, very quiet and good

tempered; and be SOLD either singly or Together. May be seen at the Dock-

yard, on application at the Gate any time between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Hongkong, June 11, 1878.

FOR SALE, FREIGHT OR CHARTER.

THE 90 & 1 BRITISH STEAMSHIP

"ARGENTINO,"

915 Tons Register (1425 Tons Gross).

For Particulars, apply to the Captain on Board.

Hongkong, June 4, 1878.

C O A L.

BEST QUALITY CARDIFF STEAM

COAL for Sale, at Godown.

Apply to

BATTLES & CO.

Hongkong, December 3, 1877.

WASHING BOOKS,

(In English and Chinese.)

WASHINGMAN'S BOOKS, for the use

of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now ready at this Office—Price, \$1 each.

CHINA MASS OIL.

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

ICE CHESTS, THE LATEST AMERICAN IMPROVEMENT.

ICE PAILS, Plated and Tongue.

AMERICAN PORCELAIN-LINED ICE PITCHERS.

POCKET SIPHON'S, WEIGH ONLY 12 OUNCES.

AUTOMATON UMBRELLAS.

The New BROWN and BLACK FELT HATS.

Ford's EUREKA SHIRTS, COLLARS ATTACHED.

REMINGTON MATCH RIFLES.

SHORT SNIDERS, with SWOBD BAYONETS.

NEW STYLES in FRENCH BRACES.

Very Fine MANILA CIGARS, \$9.50 per Box of 500.

AIR CUSHIONS and BEDS.

SWIMMING BELTS.

THIN SILK SCARVES for Summer.

Light French Summer BOOTS and SHOES.

A Large Collection of OLEOGRAPHS.

COKE DOOR MATS, in all Sizes.

HAND VALISES.

BARON LIEBIG'S FOOD for ADULTS, a complete substitute for COD LIVER OIL.

BARON LIEBIG'S FOOD for INFANTS—out of 1,000 Children fed on this Food,

the mortality in one year amounted to only Four Deaths, and these were hopeless, or nearly so, before being put on this Food diet.

The New Food Warmer, THE MOTHER'S FRIEND, keeps Food warm for 12 hours,

FRENCH COFFEE MACHINES.

MAPLE SYRUP.

FRUIT and LIME-JUICE SYRUPS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, May 9, 1878.

Notices of Firms.

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NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. *Mikado* having arrived from the above Port, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods—with the exception of Opium—are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence and/or from the Wharves or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary is given before 2 p.m. on Monday, the 10th instant.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 15th instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARLINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, June 8, 1878. jol5

BRITISH BARK *HYLTON CASTLE*, FROM GLASGOW.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above Vessel are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.

ARNOLD, KARBERG & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 30, 1878.

SIR HARRY PARKES, FROM LONDON.

THE above-named Vessel having arrived, Consignees of Cargo by her are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 22, 1878.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. DU POUHEY, Agent.

Ex "Yangtsé."

MF & O Order, 2 cases Furn. furniture, London.

L (in diamond) 189/88 & 198 Or. Order, 8 cases Cotton,

M W (in triangle) 1/26 Order,

GS 26 cases Metal,

SP (in triangle) Order, 100 bags from Sharp Stones,

June 6, 1878.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

S. S. YANG-TSE.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. India, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignee before To-day, the 30th instant, at Noon, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Cargo remaining unclaimed after Wednesday, the 5th June, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. DU POUHEY, Agent.

Hongkong, May 30, 1878.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessel, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

DEVANA, British barque, Capt. William May—Melchers & Co.

AMERICA, British steamer, Captain J. Graham—Birley & Co.

ANNIS LOWRAY, British barque, Captain B. Galea—Barneo Co., Limited.

W. H. DETHY, American 3-m. schooner, Captain L. S. Endicott—Meyer & Co.

ORION, British barque, Captain John J. Scott—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

MARTHA BROCKELMANN, German barque, Captain Kluth—Meyer & Co.

ELIZABETH, British barque, Captain Geo. Jobson—Meyer & Co.

Hongkong, May 30, 1878. jol5

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

FOR LONDON.
The A 1 British Clipper Ship
SIR HARRY PARKES, having the greatest portion of her cargo engaged, will meet with quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to MEYER & Co. Hongkong, June 12, 1878. jol5

FROM HAMBURG & SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. *Ariadna*, C. J. DIBBLEY, Master, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk and stored in the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence and/or from the Wharf or Boat delivery may be obtained.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 15th June will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SIEMSEN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, June 12, 1878. jol5

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

FOR MANILA (DIRECT).
The Spanish Steamer
"PASIG", Captain ZAVALA, will be despatched as above on FEI-DAY, the 13th instant, at 2 p.m. For Freight or Passage, apply to REMEDIOS & Co. Hongkong, June 12, 1878. jol5

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

JUNE 11, ASIA, Danish steamer, 880, Djorup, Hamburg April 17, via ports of call, and Singapore, General—SIEMSEN & Co.

JUNE 12, AMOY, British steamer, from Canton.

JUNE 12, TAIPEI, British steamer, 1871, J. H. Torbeck, Shanghai June 3, Mails and General—P. & O. S. N. Co.

JUNE 12, DULAS, British steamer, 364, Geo. D. Pitman, Foochow June 9, Amoy 10, and Swatow 11. General—DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

JUNE 12, FERNAMBUCO, British steamer, 643, Wm. Hyde, Bangkok June 4, Rice—MILCHERS & Co.

JUNE 12, NORNA, British steamer, 606, Walker, Swatow June 11, General—KWOK AZHONG.

JUNE 12, ZAMBOANGA, Spanish steamer, 750, Aranguren, Hiphong June 10, General—REMEDIOS & Co.

JUNE 12, ELIZABETH CHILD, British barque, 391, C. E. Lindberg, Hamburg Jan. 30, General—MAYER & Co.

JUNE 12, ESPERANCE, French barque, 272, Guillou, Bangkok May 23, Rice—CARLOWITZ & Co.

JUNE 12, GUAM, British brig, 290, McGregor, Bangkok May 23, Salt—SORENG CO., LIMITED.

DEPARTURES.

JUNE 12, KOROR, for Whampoa.

12, GUTIAR, for Manila.

12, ANNIE, for Bangkok.

12, DANUBE, for Bangkok.

12, QUARTA, for Saigon.

12, KWANGTUNG, for Coast Ports.

Cleared.

Countess of Errol, for Foochow.

North Star, for Callao.

Washi, for Labuan.

Sedan, for Manila.

Amoy, for Shanghai.

Great Admiral, for San Francisco.

Borneo, for Guam.

Otto, for Iloilo.

Brisbane, for Singapore.

Caldera, for Keeling.

Yutung, for Swatow.

Maharajah, for Swatow.

Passengers.

Arrived.

Per Asia, from Hamburg, Messrs S. Newman, H. Holmgren, H. Meinkin, C. Ehlemeier, and Mad. Pederson.

Per Thibet, from Shanghai, Dr. Frazer, Mr. Hopkins, and 26 Chinese.

Per Douglas, from Coast Ports, Mr and Mrs Smith, Messrs Dalmynie, Murton, Anderson, and Wickham, Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Jackson, and Mr. and Mrs. Jackson.

Per Kwangtung, for Foochow, Capt. W. Williams, 1 European deck, and 18 Chinese.

Per Fernambuco, from Bangkok, 89 Chinese.

Per Norna, from Swatow, 36 Chinese.

Departed.

Per Kwangtung, for Swatow, Master Ramsey; for Amoy, Mr. H. M. Ross; for Foochow, Mr. D. G. Murray.

Per Danube, for Bangkok, 84 Chinese.

Per Quarta, for Saigon, 75 Chinese.

To Depart.

Per Washi, for Labuan, Mr. Alfred Dent, Baron G. von Overbeck, Messrs John Wall (Secretary), W. Harwood, and J. Dobres, and servants.

Per Amoy, for Shanghai, 1 European, and 15 Chinese.

Per Great Admiral, for San Francisco, Messrs Bernard and C. Caldwell, and 20 Chinese.

Per Borneo, for Guam, 1 European.

Per Otto, for Iloilo, 1 European.

Per Yutung, for Swatow, 100 Chinese.

Shipping Reports.

The Danish steamer *Asia* reports: On 10th June passed a British steamer showing J. Q. G. T., 18 N. and 118 30 E.

The British steamer *Fernambuco* reports: From Bangkok to Cape Padaran fresh Southerly winds and squally weather; from thence to port strong S. W. winds and clear weather.

The British steamer *Douglas* reports: Left Foochow on Sunday of the 8th inst. in River Min stopped and took in two saloon passengers from S. S. *Antenor* from Shanghai. Had light winds and calms to Amoy; left Amoy on Monday and had fresh Northerly winds and cloudy weather to Swatow. Left Swatow on Tuesday night, and had Northerly winds to port. Passed a steamer bound to the Eastward of *Pedro Blasco*. In Foochow: S. S. *State of Alabama*, *Brisbane*, *Cyrene*, *Egeria*, *Glenroy*, *Historian*, *Holland*, *Oxfordshire*, and *Antenor*, the latter bound in. In Amoy: U. S. S. *Alert*. In Swatow: S. S. *Zenstein*, *Newchwang*, and *Atlanta*.

Post Office Notifications.

MAILS will close:-

FOR SWATOW.—

Per Yutung, at 7.30 a.m. To-morrow, the 13th inst.

Per Maharajah, at 11 a.m. To-morrow, the 13th inst.

FOR KELUNG AND FOOCHOW.—

Per Caldera, at 11.30 a.m., on Thursday, the 13th inst.

FOR YOKOHAMA AND HIODO.—

Per Mikado, at 11.30 a.m., on Thursday, the 13th inst.

FOR HAKODATE.—

Per Pendo, at 5 p.m. To-morrow, the 13th inst.

FOR MANILA.—

Per Pendo, at 3.30 p.m., on Friday, the 14th inst.

FOR SHANGHAI.—

Per Suna, at 6 p.m., on Friday, the 14th inst.

FOR COOKTOWN, SYDNEY, AND MELBOURNE.—

Per Utson, at 11.30 a.m., on Saturday, the 14th inst.

For Calcutta leaves for London on about this date.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close:-

FOR STRAITS SETTLEMENTS, AND CALICUTTA.—

Per Moyay and Arratoon Apoor, at 2.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 15th inst.

For SAIGON.—

Per Quinta, at 6 p.m., on Saturday, the 15th inst.

MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET.—

The English Contract Packet *Thibet* will be despatched with the Mails for Europe, &c., on SATURDAY, the 15th instant.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.,

FRIDAY, 14th Instant.—

Police Intelligence.
(Before C. V. Creagh, Esq.)
June 12, 1878.

LARCENY.

Yeong Alai, a coolie, was charged with stealing a piece of wood from Messrs Meyer & Co.'s godowns at Wanchai.—Mr Julius Scier said, he watched the defendant from a ship which was lying alongside of the wharf, and by the aid of a telescope, distinctly saw him loiter about the godown until some men who were near him had left the godown. He then tucked his trousers and shouldering the piece of wood walked off with it, and was arrested by the foreman of the godowns.—Defendant admitted having been one month in Gaol for unlawful possession and pleaded poverty as an excuse for his present offence. He was sent to three months' imprisonment, the last two weeks of which were to be in solitary confinement.

DRUNKENNESS.

James Rodrook, seaman British ship *Palestine*, was fined 20 cents for being drunk and incapable.

Frederick Charrington, seaman British steamer *Mikado*, was fined \$1 for being drunk, and attempting to assault Sergeant Grant in the execution of his duty.

A MODEL POLICEMAN.

Sikh Constable No. 671, was fined \$5 for defiling the stream which supplies the tank at the Albany by washing his person therein. A gun lascar remonstrated with him, and the defendant then set upon him and beat him. Mr Creagh ordered that the lascar receive \$2 of the fine as compensation.

Marine Court.

(Before J. P. McEuen, Esq., Acting Marine Magistrate.)

June 12, 1878.

REFUSAL OF DUTY.

John Allen, seaman British barque *The Gooloo*, was charged with refusal of duty. He gave as his reason that he wanted to see a Magistrate. He had been fighting on board the vessel in the morning, and the Captain gave orders that he should be sent down to the between-decks to work, to keep him apart from the other men; hence his refusal to work. The Captain told him that he should have an opportunity of seeing a Magistrate as soon as he (the Captain) was well enough to go on shore. The last time defendant went on shore on a similar errand, he stayed away for two days. Defendant next complained of slothiness, and when the doctor came on board defendant received some medicine. On Monday defendant again requested to see a Magistrate and was told the Public Offices were closed. The Captain showed him the notice in the newspaper, and he said he did not care what was in the paper, he would only see what was a Magistrate or the Harbour Master. He did no more work after this.

Defendant admitted having refused duty, but said he was afraid to go in the ship as he had been threatened by the Mate and Captain. 14 days' hard labour.

ABSENT WITHOUT LEAVE.

James Hickmore, fireman British steamer *Malabar*, was charged with the above offence. He admitted the charge, but said he was tipsy at the time. To forfeit 12 days' pay.

DRUNK AND DISORDINARY.

Isaac Day, seaman American ship *Wandering Jew*, admitted being guilty of the above offence; he said he had a bottle of grog on board to treat his shipmates.—Fined \$2.

BREAK OF HARBOUR REGULATIONS.

Lan Fat, master of licensed cargo-boat No. 557, was charged by Inspector Swanson with leaving the harbour of Victoria without a clearance. The defendant had been previously cautioned.

The case was remanded until 1 p.m. to-morrow for the attendance of a Police Magistrate.

China.

FOCHOW, June 6th.

The Customs cruiser *Ling Feng* arrived at Pagoda Anchorage on the 31st ultimo from Kelung. She will, we believe leave for Wenchow almost immediately.

Few foreign residents can call to mind sharper rain storms than those which visited the Foreign Settlement and Pagoda Anchorage on the afternoon of the 30th and 31st ultimo. Wind and rain came down with great fierceness on both occasions, and caused considerable inconvenience and some damage in the native quarter.

A chair coolie in foreign employ, was drowned last night near the Customs jetty, under circumstances which we would fain believe to be possible only in a country where indifference to the value of human life is so notoriously the prevailing sentiment. Some time after midnight, a foreign resident—just returned to the Settlement from Pagoda Anchorage—despatched one of his chair coolies on an errand to his houseboat, then laying abreast of the Custom House. By some mischance, the unfortunate coolie in endeavouring to get on board the houseboat missed his foot-hold, and fell into the water; and, though several boatmen were standing by at the time, we are reliably informed that not a single effort was made to save the poor struggling man.

To—Owing, in a great measure, to the reduced supply of fine descriptions, there has been less apparent anxiety to relieve the men of certain unpleasant responsibility in regard to the holding of stock. Extensive arrivals of inferior flavor to medium grades of Congou have taken place during the week, and these kinds have been purchased to a fair extent at about a reduction of from Tls. 1½ x 2 per picul on opening rates. At the same time, nearly all parcels of good medium to finest quality have commanded extreme prices, if not a positive advance on the enhanced quotations current at date of our last report. The total supply of Congou now exceeds 500,000 chests, being fully 100,000 chests in excess of the arrivals at corresponding period last season. Of this unusually heavy quantity, only a very small proportion of fine to finest grades remain in native hands, and, while further arrivals of first crop leaf may be looked for during the ensuing fortnight, the supply of fine descriptions must be considered as practically at an end.

Arrivals have arrived in moderate quantity,

during the week, but the quality, so far, does not appear to attract buyers at the high prices asked by native dealers. A small business in Oolong and Scented Tea has taken place at somewhat easier rates.

Settlements from 30th May to 5th June:—
Congou 90,640 chests, at Tls. 2½ x 4 picul. (short).
Souchong 884 chests at Tls. 2½ x 4 picul. (short).
Oolong 2,078 1/2 chests at Tls. 1½ x 19 per picul, (short).
Pekoe 324 chests at Tls. 55 x 70 per picul, (short).
Scented Tea 5,170 boxes at Tls. 2½ x 3 1/2 per picul, (short).

Total arrivals of Congou, 306,124 chests, 223,905 "

Stock, 84,919 "

Total arrivals of Souchong, 6,800 chests, 884 "

Stock, 5,916 "

Total arrivals of Oolong, 7,889 "chests, 3,670 "

Stock, 3,880 "

Total arrivals of Fl. Pekoe, 1,000 chests, 295 "

Stock, 505 "

Total arrivals of St. Tea, 17,000 boxes, 10,410 "

Stock, 6,590 "

Opium.—A moderate business at quotations.

Lead.—Sales difficult, unless in barter against Tea.

Freight.—To London—per steamer—\$2.10 per ton of 40 cubic feet.

Vessels loading.—For London.—Steamships *Holland*, *Glenroy*, *Dervish* (under despatch), *Oxfordshire*, *Cyphene*, *State of lab*—in port, probably to load for London.—S. S. *Historian*, and sailing ship *Black Prince*. For Australia.—Steamships *Killarney* (under despatch), and *Brisbane*, and sailing vessels *Georgina*, and *E. M. Young*.

Vessels expected to load.—For London.—Steamship *Burmeister*.

For Australia.—Sailing ships *Uziah*, *Alexander Newton*, *Occident*, and *Jesse McDonald*.

SHANGHAI.

(Courier.)

Many of the Community will be pained to hear of the death at Tientsin, a few days ago, of Chu Keang styled Yunfu. This gentleman was one of the first promoters of the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company, and at the time of his death was on the famine relief commission at Tientsin. The party of progress in China has lost in him another man of promise. His father was a large junk owner engaged in transporting grain to the north, who left his son a large fortune. These, when they saw the junk traffic gradually supplanted by the foreign sailing vessel and the steamer, moved in the matter of establishing the powerful Company in which they are largely interested. The older of the three at present Superintendent of the Kinleyen Godown whence the younger, Chu Ke-chen, styled E fu, an expectant Taung, is at present in Shensi engaged in the famine relief work. These two gentlemen accompanied by Dr. Kreyer, some three years ago, were sent by Li Hung Chang to Japan, for the purpose of inquiring into the mining and manufacturing industry of that country that is conducted by the aid of foreign machinery.

Again have we to strike a chord which will carry sadness to very many of those who hear it. Mr Walter Pearson, the Secretary of the Shanghai Chamber of Commerce and Reuter's Agent here, died last night quite suddenly of heart-disease. It appears that for some time he has been well aware that he was affected by this weakness; and long ago he was recommended by his medical adviser to be very careful, and to take no violent exercise, advice that he religiously acted up to. Last evening he seemed to be in his usual health, and at a quarter to eleven was in the printing office of Messrs. Kelly and Walsh on business. He went home about seven o'clock, and as he was ascending the staircase he fell down dead. A post-mortem examination revealed that the heart was in such a state as to account at once for the extreme suddenness of the seizure. Mr Pearson was another of the men who can ill be spared from our small community.

HANKOW.

The Hankow Tea Market Report, dated 3rd inst., says the business of the past fortnight has been less than during the same period last season, and has not been accompanied by much excitement. All classes of Tea have claimed attention, but chief interest has been centred in Sun-yang and Oan-faa kinds, of which but few numbers had arrived when the last copy of this report was issued. The former are as nearly as possible similar in leaf and water to those of last year, whilst the latter with few exceptions are disappointing, being especially wanting in strength. Prices paid for Sun-yang range from Tls. 2½ x 32 per picul, and for Oan-faa from Tls. 1½ x 30, while Taoyunne Oanfaas have fetched Tls. 2½ x 35 owing to the smallness of supplies. Seang-tams have been taken for price at Tls. 1½ x 16 per picul, the market being now quite cleared of Tea from this district. Arrivals of Hankow Teas are 90,000 chests under those at 4th June last year, and consequently Tea men have been unusually firm. Prices paid for all kinds, taking quality into consideration are fully up to opening rates, and the market closes with a decidedly upward tendency for all Teas over Tls. 2½ per picul, and a positive advance of Tls. 1 x 2 on Tea from Tls. 1½ x 22 per picul notwithstanding the inferiority of the Teas now arriving. Kinkiang Teas have been eagerly competed for during the fortnight. With respect to quality, hats arrivals bear out the assertion that the crop is unusually good, but as to probable value in London the difference of opinion is great. Prices paid range from Tls. 2½ x 35 per picul, for fair to good Ningchow, and Tls. 1½ x 24 for common to fair Ho-hows. It is difficult to arrive at the quantity of Tea settled for Russia this season, Russian firms being comparatively few in the market. The estimate given below is an approximation.

The following figures indicate the entire business to date (inclusive of Kinkiang Teas) as contrasted with the settlements to date June last year:—

1878.	1877.
Chests. Chests.	Chests.
For England 250,710 230,080	Decrease 22,720
Russia 80,000 101,810	Increase 71,810
Shanghai Nil. 5,880	Nil. 6,880
280,710 232,180	

167,580 1/2 chests Kinkiang Tea included.
416,680 Kinkiang Tea included.

The total Export of Hankow District Teas in 7,055,595 lbs. under that of same

date last year, while Re-exports shew an increase of 2,381,105 lbs.

Business reported during the fortnight is as follows:—

1878. 1877.

Settlements 42,930 Chts. 32,010 Chts.

" 307,390 " 275,230 "

" 6,760 Box. 5,880 Chts.

Shipments to Shih Nl. Nil.

The following are the departures for London:—

May 22nd, Steamer *Glenaege* 2,887,937

" 23rd, " *Loudoun Castle* 2,672,432

" 26th, " *Glenartney* 2,416,601

" 28th, " *Ocean King* 2,545,600

" 30th, " *Radnorshire* 2,198,724

June 1st, " *Glenearn* 1,826,632

" " *Sarpdon* 2,846,166

Ibs. 16,894,112

Against 3 vessels last year..... Ibs. 18,958,629

Japan.

(Mail.)

Early in the week the Mitsu Bishi Company published the revised tariff for freight and passage by their steamers that has been for some time in contemplation, and which will take effect on the 5th instant. All the rates to Shanghai and the way ports have been raised, but so slightly that the advance cannot press heavily on anyone, and even now the passage money to Shanghai will be paid by the amount charged by the P. & O. and M. M. Companies for a passage to Hongkong, occupying just about the same time.

The first class passage to Shanghai will cost \$75, to Nagasaki \$65, and to Kobe \$18, while the freight to these ports is respectively \$6, \$4.50, and \$3 per ton, the usual return of 10 per cent. being made on return tickets. A first class passage to Hakodate will cost \$24 only and the freight will be \$6 per ton. These rates cannot be considered excessive, and we trust the extra charge will have a beneficial effect on the finances of the Company.

It is announced in the native papers that the Chief Judge of the *Daishin-In*, Mr Tamano, waited on the Mikado a few days ago in order to lay before His Majesty full particulars of the confessions made by the assassins of the late Home Minister, Shimada Ichiro, a samurai of the Ishikawa *Ken*, who was the acknowledged leader, and it appears that he induced the others to join him in the plot to assassinate Okubo by persuading them that the police constable Nakahara and others were sent to Kagoshima by the deceased Minister for the express purpose of assassinating Saigo Takamori. The murderer of Okubo pretended to have believed up to the time of their trial in the watchful nature of this assassination plot, and so tried to justify their resentment against Okubo, and it was only when the written confession of Oyama Tsunayoshi—the late Governor of Kagoshima whose life just paid the penalty of his treachery—was shown to them during their examination, that they all, with the exception of Shimada, affected remorse at the crime they had committed, and expressed their belief that Okubo was innocent of the offence they sought to impute to him. It will at once be apparent how shallow this pretence is, as the confession of Oyama was published by the native press at the time it was made, and there was scarcely a leading journal in the country that did not freely comment on it.

The five pretended dukes of Shimada further asserted that they are ignorant of the contents of the manifesto issued in justification of their actions, though it is rather strange that the document in question bore the names of all of them. Shimada, who posted the document to the *Choya*, stated on cross-examination that it was actually written by a man named Mutu Sei-ichi, not yet in custody, who withdrew from the plot for fear of the consequences to his wife and children. At the trial it was elicited that Shimada struck the first blow which disabled the horse and stopped the carriage. Okubo attempted to leave the carriage by the left hand door, but seeing Cho Rengo standing by it with a drawn sword, turned and opened the right hand door, but there encountered Shimada who inflicted the first wound on him. Okubo was then despatched by repeated stabs from all the assassins, who threw down their weapons on the completion of their bloody work and left the spot. As they were retiring they saw another carriage, the occupant of which they supposed was Mr Okuma, the Minister of Finance, and coolly confess that having but one pistol in their possession they did not feel themselves in a position to attack him also.

(Tokio Times.)

The arrangements for His Majesty the Emperor's route, on his journey through the central northern provinces, are understood to be as follows. From Tokio he will go to Takasaki and Mayebashi in Jishu; thence through Shinshu to Takata and Kashiwasaki in Echigo; thence to Niigata and Nagato. Returning to Kashiwa-za, next to Kaga, and through Echizen by way of the *do*-kuri *Do*, finally skirting Lake Biwa and passing through Otsu to Kioto. After sojourning there some days he will come back to the capital by the *To Kai Do*. His Majesty will be accompanied by H. E. Mr Iwakura, U. Dai Jin.

It is understood that H. E. Arinori Mori, lately returned from the legation in China, will take the second position in the Department of Foreign Affairs. Mr Mori once before served in this capacity, as Guan-ju-Tai-yu, the same as that held by H. E. Mr Saito before his departure for Europe.

Mr Yoshikawa, director of the telegraph bureau, has returned to Tokio. It will be remembered that he had reached Singapore on his way to London, to attend the expected telegraph convention, but was recalled upon receipt of information that the congress would be postponed for the present in consequence of the threatening aspect of European affairs.

A rumor spreads that H. E. Mr Tanaka, who has long filled the post of Vice Minister of Public Instruction, and shown in that capacity a high degree of congenial sympathy with his special duties as well as practical ability, is to be appointed envoy to Italy in place of General Saigo, recently entrusted with control of Mr Tanaka's department.

The last of the remaining French attachés of the Yokosuka arsenal and navy yard, Messrs. Yerger Charles, and Alouis, are about to return to Europe, their terms of engagement having expired. The establishment will thereafter be entirely under Japanese management.

According to Japanese newspapers the belief grows stronger daily that Mr Imamura Kacura will be made Sanji and Minister of Public Works on his return from England.

Tokio newspapers contain reports that Mr Yamada Kozo, now Vice Minister of the

Department of Public Works, will succeed Mr Mori as minister at Peking.

The orders recently issued by the United States Secretary of the Navy, requiring a stricter enforcement of the regulations against the "coolie" trade than has been practised of late, are owing to the discovery that American vessels are severely engaged in transporting laborers from various Chinese ports to the Sandwich Islands. Mr Thompson recites the laws bearing upon the subject, and instructs the

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